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Commission Calls for Clear Labeling of Eggs

The European Commission has adopted a proposal for compulsory labeling of the farming method used to produce eggs. It would replace the existing voluntary scheme. The obligation will apply to all eggs marketed in the EU including those from third countries. The farming method will have to be indicated on "class A" eggs via a distinguishing mark or code designating the producer. These marks or codes may be used for eggs produced in third countries if sufficient guarantees can be made as to the equivalence with EU rules and standards. If this is not possible, imported eggs shall be labeled as "farming method not specified" or with the country of origin.

The exact form of the labels will be determined in the implementing rules following on from the Council decision. They could be similar to the existing voluntary indications. On eggs - free range, semi-intensive, deep litter, perchery or cage production on eggs. On packs - free range eggs, semi-intensive eggs, deep litter eggs, perchery eggs or eggs from caged hens.

Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy noted that since the compulsory egg labeling refers to domestic production only, it will not be against WTO rules.

Source: European Commission IP/00/982; Transcript of Internet Chat held on 16 October, 2000.

JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Powdered			Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	
1999				
January	200	269	913	1,382
February	202	251	566	1,019
March	233	122	741	1,096
April	250	176	881	1,307
May	131	136	875	1,142
June	164	53	810	1,027
July	210	145	708	1,063
To-Date 2000	1,390	1,152	5,494	8,036
January	230	139	861	1,230
February	132	64	812	1,008
March	188	192	805	1,186
April	228	133	802	1,163
May	267	215	788	1,270
June	175	150	776	1,091
July	172	159	743	1,074
To-Date	1,392	1,052	5,588	8,022

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

U.S. Meat Export Data for 2000 Revised

Previously published U.S. Bureau of Census trade data for January, February, and March 2000 showed significant volumes of beef, pork and poultry exports to Russia, which suggested that some of the food aid shipments from 1999 had been placed in the first quarter of 2000. USDA and the Bureau of the Census have been working together to revise the official trade data to accurately reflect U.S. meat shipments to Russia under the food aid programs. At midyear, adjustments were made to correct the 1999 trade data, but not the data for 2000. U.S. Census has notified USDA that revisions have now been made to the meat trade data for January, February, and March 2000. As a result, FAS has updated its U.S. Trade database of meat exports to Russia as follows:

U.S. Meat Exports to Russia

	*Beef		Pork		Poultry	
	Prev	Rev	Prev	Rev	Prev	Rev
2000 Q1	66	14	46	3	194	143
2000YTD	71	19	47	3	429	398
Total U.S. Meat Exports						
2000 Q1	356	305	154	110	774	722
2000YTD	905	853	329	284	1,917	1,865

*Includes beef variety meat. In thousand metric tons.

Note that further adjustments are likely in 2001 when Census publishes its revised data for 2000. Corrections have also been made to the export value of these products.

Italy Poultry Products

The Italian poultry sector faced a number of problems beginning in 1999. The Belgium dioxin scandal in poultry resulted in an alarmist consumer response. Imports from Belgium are marginal, yet consumption of poultry and eggs dropped 38 percent in June and 27 percent in July 27 of 1999. Prices for poultry fell 67 percent and Italy had to destroy 4 million brooding eggs and had to hold 17,300 tons of poultry meat.

An outbreak of avian influenza in March of 1999 mainly hit turkey producers and reduced production by over 5 percent. Another outbreak in the spring of 2000 resulted in the loss of over 13 million birds. Some producers went out of business, however most of the major companies were able to recover quickly (9 companies represent 90 percent of the total turnover).

Poultry Meat Imports - Meat in Metric Tons

	Chicken		Turkey	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total	11,000	11,500	7,000	8,000
France	2,200	2,300	2,000	2,200
Hungary	4,000	4,200	1,000	1,200
Brazil	3,800	4,000		
UK			2,000	2,200

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Nov 04, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	296	144	6553	11,601
Frozen	0	0	198	6
Dried	0	65	503	569
Total	296	209	7254	12,176

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Nov 04, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	71	72	4,454	3,930
Frozen	41	53	785	523
Dried	5	0	757	169
Total	117	125	5,996	4,622

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 04, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Jumbo	0	54	2,161	1,204
Extra Large	990	114	44,638	32,271
Large	2,108	3,979	125,575	131,764
Medium	761	1,320	30,757	43,957
Ungraded	15,750	16,800	358,084	560,543
Misc	0	0	10,137	10,722
Total	19,609	22,267	571,352	780,461

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 10-NOV-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN----- -----FRESH-----

FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00		14.20	

142,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	20.00-22.00	11.00-13.00	12.50-13.75
WTD AVERAGE	16.82	20.67	12.17	12.97

1,428,000 pounds, this includes 612,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 04-Nov-00
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,943	1,306	3,249
LAST WEEK	1,829	1,492	3,321
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,785	1,416	3,201
TO-DATE/2000	83,567	64,001	147,568
TO-DATE/1999	91,337	62,399	153,736

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	394	35	429
LAST WEEK	391	8	399
SAME WEEK YR AGO	491	0	491
TO-DATE/2000	20,154	353	20,507
TO-DATE/1999	20,397	267	20,664

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,337	1,341	3,678
LAST WEEK	2,220	1,500	3,720
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,276	1,416	3,692
TO-DATE/2000	103,721	64,354	168,075
TO-DATE/1999	111,734	62,666	174,400

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 10-NOV-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN----- -----FRESH-----

FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00			

80,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-18.00	-	-	16.00-18.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.24			16.83

1,048,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-18.75	18.00-21.00	12.00-13.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.78	19.50	12.67	14.00

2,120,000 pounds, this includes 1,360,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

NOVEMBER 09, 2000

Undertone generally steady on thigh meat. Demand light with exporters not as aggressive when compared to the previous weeks. Some export buyers are cautious as they wait for permit renewals from Mexico. Mechanically separated 15-20% skin added turkey (MST) undertone starting to become unsettled. Demand has slowed in some parts of the country on MST resulting in increased offerings of fresh and spot loads of frozen starting to be offered. Offerings of fresh MST adequate to instances ample, frozen short to light. Tom full-cut wing undertone mixed with weakness noted in the West due to the unaggressive buyer interest. Domestic and export trading light. Livers traded at 18 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORT ISSUED DUE TO
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	80	28.17	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	40	26.56	144
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	21.00	W	21.00 74.33	80 120	21.00 74.33	80 120

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-29.50		29.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	25.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	104
TAILS		R	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00-75.00	F	21.00 74.33	104 120

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	25.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	104
TAILS		R	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	21.00 74.00	104 160

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	28.00	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	25.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS		R	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	21.00 74.00	104 160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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